

NEIGHBORS UNITED



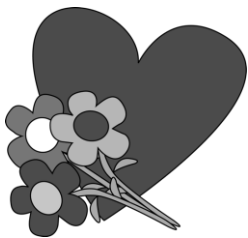
Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles February 2016 Issue No. 2

Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, February 8 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard.

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President's Corner By Laura Anderson

Happy Valentine's Day!

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm hoping that next Monday I will see you.

As we enter our second month of the New Year, I want to invite and encourage you to come to our meeting and discuss issues of concern to our beautiful Faircrest Heights community. Periodically we devote our meeting to discussions about our concerns and our neighborhood pride. This is also a time for you to tell me what speakers and or presentations you would like to have going forward this year.

I thank all of you who have already paid your 2016 dues. This helps us to pay for our meeting space as well as for our post office box and printing of our newsletters. We will have our roster soon that will allow you to have contact with neighbors for emergency purposes. The roster is distributed only to paid members on your specific block. Officers and Block Captains will have a complete listing of paid neighbors.

Please be assured that we do not share our Neighbors United roster with anyone outside of our community nor with persons who are not listed on the roster.

We'd also like to encourage neighbors who have lived here for a while but have not come to a meeting lately to come and get involved. We need your help to maintain the great quality of life in Faircrest Heights.

We'll see you on Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m.

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- What's On Your Mind? Community Concerns
- LAPD Update
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LAPD Numbers

- Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 311 or
877-275-5273
(877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station
213-473-0476
Senior Lead Officer Adam Green
213-793-0647 (North of 18th Street)
Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas
213-793-0786 (South of 18th Street)
Anonymous Tip Line
877-529-3855
(877-LAW-FULL)

Call 911 immediately if you see persons breaking into homes or loitering around neighbors' homes.

Remembering Martha Basu

When you think of Martha Basu, you think of a woman with a heart of gold and a true sense of community. Martha has been a Faircrest Heights Resident since the mid-1990's. When she moved here she immediately became involved in the activities of the community, serving as the recording secretary for Neighbors United, as a member of the annual block party committees and as a volunteer at the Claude Pepper Senior Center. She gave of her time for many years.

Originally from Southern Illinois, Martha met and married the love of her life, Gopal Basu in Chicago. They had two sons—Netai who lives in Faircrest Heights and Ram who lives in Pasadena. Martha lived for many years in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and she spoke fondly of the years spent working and raising her family there. She also loved to travel and shared many stories of her trips abroad, and of the years she lived in India.

Never an idle person, Martha was a committed volunteer, an avid bridge player and crafter. She loved spending time with her family, especially with her five grandchildren. As her health began to fail, Martha refused to give up. She was still driving her car and taking her walker to go wherever she wanted right up to the point when her doctors determined that she could no longer do so. It was a disappointing day when she announced that she could no longer be the recording secretary nor continue her volunteering at Claude Pepper. However, even in her absence her spirit remains.

Martha's sons are planning a local memorial service very soon and will look forward to having her friends and neighbors come and celebrate her beautiful life. The date will be shared on the NU website.

Grand Opening of Pico-Fairfax Vons

Vons Market at Pico and Fairfax will hold the Grand Re-Opening of the newly remodeled store on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 am. There will be a 30 minute program outside the store. Council President Herb Wesson will make remarks, participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new store will include several new departments, including :

- A full service meat and seafood counter, with service from 8 am to 8 pm. The seafood will be supplied by the Santa Monica Seafood Market.
- A fresh-made kitchen to prepare fresh fruits and vegetables for "grab and go" convenience and cooked meals that are prepared on site in the new extended deli section and sandwich bar.
- Improved selections of Kosher, organic and low sodium foods, as well as ethnic and cultural foods.
- Floral selections designed on site upon request.
- A full-service bakery with all items made on-site.

City Attorney/LAPD Wilshire Town Hall

L. A. City Attorney Mike Feuer and LAPD Wilshire Division invite you to Town Hall Wilshire on Thursday, March 31 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at CBS Television City, Studio 33, 7800 Beverly Boulevard. Park at the Grove and enter via the turnstyle by Maggianos Restaurant.

Come and learn how the City is dealing with homelessness, unlawful marijuana dispensaries, illegal dumping, Prop 47, and your questions and concerns. RSVP required at atty.rsvp@lacity.org.



PICO Neighborhood Council Needs You!

Become a candidate in the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council 2016 Board Elections

If you wish to run, or to learn more: See www.EmpowerLA.org/Elections or call 818-293-VOTE (8683) Register as a candidate by March 2, 2016

(info and forms at <http://empowerla.org/nccr/>). Attend P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council meetings (see www.piconc.com for dates/locations)

Send questions to info@piconc.com

Even if you don't run for a board position, please VOTE!

Election Day: Sunday, May 1, 2016, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Vote in person at Vons' parking lot,

1430 S. Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles CA 90019

Did you know field representatives from both Herb Wesson's and Paul Koretz's offices regularly attend the PNC General Meetings? Attend a meeting and have your voice heard. Agendas for each meeting are posted on the PNC website: www.piconc.com.

Executive Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

General Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturn Street Elementary School
5360 Saturn Street
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Finance Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Land Use Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2016
7:00 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Watch out for the Expo Line Trains

Starting Sunday, January 17, 2016, Metro will be conducting Train Testing and Operator Familiarization of the Expo Line to Santa Monica. The trains will run along Expo Line tracks from National/Palms Station to the Downtown Santa Monica Station (4th St./Colorado). These activities are necessary as we lead up to full train service in Spring 2016. It is necessary to obey ALL traffic signs and signals at ALL times.

Getting Ready for the "Big One"

The Los Angeles Fire Department will be offering CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) at fire station No.59, 11505 Olympic Blvd. on Wednesday evenings starting on March 2, 2016 and ending on April 13th. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Los Angeles Fire Department's CERT Program (free of charge) was developed because of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. The CERT Program provides for community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who act as an adjunct to the city's local law enforcement agencies.

Claude Pepper Senior Club's Valentine's Day Celebration



The Claude Pepper Senior Club is having a Valentine's Day celebration on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Claude Pepper Senior Center. There will be live entertainment, dancing, refreshments, drawings, door prizes and fun for all. Tickets are \$20 in advance and can be purchased in the CPSC office. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Block Captains are Needed As Follows:

Fairfax Avenue: 1500, 1600(West) and 1800 blocks

Guthrie Street: 5900 block
Point View: 1600 Block

While we can send newsletters electronically to some neighbors, everyone does not have email and not everyone shares their email addresses. Therefore, we still deliver hard copies to make certain that our neighbors are informed about Faircrest Heights issues. We hope others will kindly step up and help.

What does a block captain do? They distribute monthly newsletters to neighbors on their block and inform the NU board of issues of interest or concern on the block. If you are willing to help us, please email us at neighborsunited2@aol.com or post it on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/neighborsunited1981. Also we invite you to get involved to help with committees and projects that we undertake during the year.

Visit our website: <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. You can also access the website from www.neighborsunited.net. Be sure to submit articles, pictures and communications of interest to the Faircrest Heights community.

Hearts and Flowers

Our condolences to the families of Donna Samuel, longtime resident on the 1800 block of Hi Point, passed away last month; and to the family of Martha Basu, who passed away recently.

Thinking of you Sandy Moody, Helen Nelson, Tamara Lewis and so many others who cannot be with us at meetings.

Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. Give them a call or a visit to brighten their day. **Remember to notify your block captain or Virginia Thomas, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-935-7104 or stefflute1@aol.com**

2016 Dues are Due

Our 2016 membership dues of \$15 are due and payable now. (Neighbors who are 80+ years old are exempt from dues; however, to receive the newsletter, you must complete a membership form and note that you are 80+. Your age will not be made public.) If you just paid dues in November or December, they are applied for 2016.

Your dues cover the cost of renting our meeting place, printing newsletters, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses. Newsletters are available to all of our neighbors who have paid dues. The names of neighbors whose dues are paid will appear on our membership roster, which is developed for the sole benefit of our community.

The membership roster is provided only to paid members and is not to be shared with anyone outside of Neighbors United. In addition, only paid members on your specific block will receive a roster of your block. Officers and block captains have a complete roster. The roster is particularly useful for emergency contacts. Please use the membership form below to provide your information. Enclose your check for \$15 and mail it to the Neighbors United post office box. Thank you.

Please give your dues to your block captain, bring them to a meeting or mail them to:

Neighbors United P.O.Box 35103 Los Angeles, CA 90035

Neighbors United Membership Form

The membership drive is happening now! Support Faircrest Heights.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ **Yearly Dues: \$15.00**

Please fill this out and give it with your check payable to Neighbors United to your block captain,